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SUBJECT: GROUP TRAVEL: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

1. OIM/USDOC LA-ORED UNSUCCESSFULLY IN NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH NORTH CAROLINA STATE OFFICIAL IN EFFORTS TO CONVINCE ORGANIZATIONAL HEADS TO DELAY TRAVEL PLANS TO AN APPROPRIATE TIME NEXT SPRING WHEN THEY COULD BE SCHEDULED AS AN IOGA MISSION WITFULL COMMERCE/STATE SUPPORT. THE RESPONSE WAS NEGATIVE, IMPOSSIBLE TO DELAY, MUST GO NOW REGARDLESS OF CONFLICTS AND SHORT LEAD-TIME.

2. NORTCAROLINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE PHILIP SMALL HAS REQUESTED USDOC SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE ON BEHALF ,IS OFFICE: 'ALTHOUGH WE CAN NOT BE IOGA DESIGNATED, WOULD YOU OE ABLE TO HELP WITH APPOINTMENTS FOR SIX (6) NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESSMEN IN UNCLASSIFIED

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DU0AI OCT. 29 THROUGH NOV. 1, IN KUWAIT NOV. 2 THROUGH

NOV. 7 AND IN BAGHDAD NOV. 7 THROUGH 14. SEEKING AGENTS AND/OR DIRECT BUYERS FOR COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND OFFICE FURNITURE, TOBACCO,

POULTRY PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, FARM MACHINERY, TRUCK BODIES, ALL PHASES OF TEXTILE MILLS, WEAVING EQUIPMENT, HOSIERY UNDERWARE AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS, FERTILIZER, MECHANICAL MEASURING DEVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND SOIL TESTING, POTENTIAL CONTRACTS FOR A MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND INDUSTRIAL ARCHITECTS, YACHTS; OR ANY OTHER MACHINERY OR FINISHED MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WHICH YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY. I REALIZE WE ARE NOT GIVING YOU MUCH LEAD TIME, BUT IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO ASSIST US WITH MAKING CONTACTS, YOU WOULD CERTAINLY HELP MAKE OUR MISSION A SUCCESS."

3. THE FOREGOING IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AT THE DIRECT REQUEST OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. USDOC HAS MADE NO COMMITMENTS WHATSOEVER FOR ASSISTANCE. QUITE THE CONTRARY, USDOC HAS WARNED STATE OFFICIALS, BECAUSE OF THE UNOFFICIAL NATURE OF THE GROUP, THE LACK OF LEAD-TIME, THE ABSENCE OF ADVANCE OFFICER, THE DIRECT CONFLICT WITH PA. STATE IOGA IN TWO OF THREE CITIES ON ITINERARY, THE LIMITED CML STAFF AND HEAVY WORKLOADS OF THE FSOS IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, THEY MAY EXPECT LIMITED HELP AT BEST WITH CONTACT IDENTIFICATION; POSSIBILITY OF NO SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT ADVANCE OFFICER, AND/OR ADVANCE PRODUCT LITERATURE, NO ASSISTANCE AT ALL POSSIBLE ON LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

4. AS OF THIS DATE, GROUP HAS NO CONFIRMED HOTEL OR AIRLINE RESERVATIONS. THESE ITEMS REQUESTED THROUGH LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT.

5. USDOC WILL KEEP POSTS INFORMED OF STATUS.

6. ASSUMING VISIT PROCEEDS MORE OR LESS AS PLANNED STATE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THAT POSTS WILL BE DRAWN INTO PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND EFFORTS SEEKING TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH PA. IOGA ACTIVITIES. ACCORDINGLY DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL APPRECIATE POSTS CANDID COMMENTS (AS RESPONSIVE AS YOU DEEM REASONABLE) WITH RESPECT TO VISIT. KISSINGER

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